

facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations;

Pages H7790–96

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into certain major medical facility leases, to authorize that Secretary to transfer real property subject to certain limitations, otherwise to improve management of medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs.

Pages H7790–96

Commending the Festival of Children Foundation: H. Res. 759, amended, commending the Festival of Children Foundation for its outstanding efforts on behalf of children and expressing the support of the House of Representatives for the designation of a “Child Awareness Month”; Pages H7802–04

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: commending the Festival of Children Foundation for its outstanding efforts on behalf of children. Page H7804

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of William “Count” Basie: H. Res. 778, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of William “Count” Basie; Pages H7804–06

Amending the Federal Water Pollution Control Act: H.R. 4731, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to reauthorize the National Estuary Program; Pages H7811–12

Authorizing the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out activities in support of the VERITAS project: H.R. 5105, to authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative VERITAS project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona; Pages H7812–13

F.H. Newell Building Designation Act: H.R. 3124, to designate the facility of the United States Geological Survey and the United States Bureau of Reclamation located at 230 Collins Road, Boise, Idaho, as the “F.H. Newell Building”; and

Pages H7813–14

Garza-Vela United States Courthouse Designation Act: H.R. 1402, amended, to designate a United States courthouse in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Garza-Vela United States Courthouse”.

Pages H7814–18

Agreed to amend the title so as to read: to designate the United States courthouse located at the corner of Seventh Street and East Jackson Street in Brownsville, Texas, as the “Reynaldo G. Garza and Filemon B. Vela United States Courthouse”.

Page H7818

Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures under

suspension of the rules. Consideration will be completed tomorrow, September 30.

Reauthorizing the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program: H.R. 5149, to reauthorize the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families block grant program through March 31, 2005; Pages H7786–90

Department of Veterans Affairs Nurse Recruitment and Retention Act of 2004: H.R. 4231, amended, to provide for a pilot program in the Department of Veterans Affairs to improve recruitment and retention of nurses; Pages H7797–H7802

Honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington: H. Con. Res. 501, honoring the life and work of Duke Ellington, recognizing the 30th anniversary of the Duke Ellington School of the Arts, congratulating Blue Note records on its 65th anniversary and Down Beat Magazine on its 70th anniversary, and supporting the annual Duke Ellington Jazz Festival; and Pages H7806–08

Honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary: H. Res. 792, honoring the United Negro College Fund on the occasion of the Fund's 60th anniversary.

Pages H7808–11

Commission on Systemic Interoperability—Appointment: Read a letter from the Minority Leader wherein she appointed Mr. Thomas M. Priselac of Los Angeles, California, to the Commission on Systemic Interoperability. Page H7819

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H7757.

Senate Referral: S. 2742 was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary. Page H7850

Quorum Calls—Votes: One yea and nay vote and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today. There were no quorum calls.

Pages H7776, H7777, H7784–85, H7785–86

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 12 midnight.

Committee Meetings

FARM CREDIT SYSTEM REVIEW

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review the Farm Credit System. Testimony was heard from Nancy C. Pellett, Chairman, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

**9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS
IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

Committee on Armed Services: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

POST-PREGNANCY DEPRESSION

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled "Improving Women's Health: Understanding Depression After Pregnancy." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**EXAMINE—WIRELESS DIRECTORY
ASSISTANCE POLICIES AND PROGRAMS**

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "An Examination of Wireless Directory Assistance Policies and Programs." Testimony was heard from Senator Boxer; and public witnesses.

**9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS
IMPLEMENTATION ACT; MISCELLANEOUS
MEASURES; APPROVED ISSUANCE OF
SUBPOENAS REGARDING OFHEO REPORT
CONCERNING FANNIE MAE**

Committee on Financial Services: Ordered reported, as amended, following bills; H.R. 5011, Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act; H.R. 4634, amended, Terrorism Insurance Backstop Extension Act of 2004; and H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

The Committee also approved a motion to issue subpoenas to certain individuals in conjunction with the Subcommittee on Capital Markets hearing entitled "The OFHEO Report: Allegations of Accounting and Management Failure at Fannie Mae."

**9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS
IMPLEMENTATION ACT; WHISTLEBLOWER
PROTECTION ENHANCEMENT ACT**

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported, as amended, the following bills: H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act; and H.R. 3281, Whistleblower Protection Enhancement Act.

**GLOBAL ANTI-SEMITISM REVIEW ACT;
AFGHANISTAN: U.S. STRATEGIES ON EVE
OF NATIONAL ELECTIONS**

Committee on International Relations: Favorably considered the following bill and adopted a motion urging the Chairman to request that it be considered on the Suspension Calendar: S. 2292, amended, Global Anti-Semitism Review Act of 2004.

The Committee also held a hearing on Afghanistan: United States Strategies on the Eve of National Elections. Testimony was heard from Richard L. Armitage, Deputy Secretary of State.

**9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS
IMPLEMENTATION ACT**

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R.10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 855, amended, Arizona Water Rights Settlement Act; H.R. 5134, amended, To require the prompt review by the Secretary of the Interior of the long-standing petitions for Federal recognition of certain Indian tribes; and H.R. 5135, To provide for a nonvoting delegate to the House of Representatives to represent the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 977, Aerial Firefighter Relief Act of 2003; H.R. 1550, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to improve the commercial value of forest biomass for electric energy, useful heat, transportation fuels, petroleum-based product substitutes, and other commercial purposes; H.R. 1723, Caribbean National Forest Act of 2003; and H.R. 4461, Walnut Canyon Study Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird and Cubin; Elisabeth Estill, Deputy Chief, Programs, Legislation, and Communication, Forest Service, USDA; John Stewart, Biomass and Forest Health Program Manager, Office of Wildland Fire Coordination, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN
RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES
COMMITTEE CONCERNING SURFACE
TRANSPORTATION EXTENSION**

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported from the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of September 30, 2004, providing for consideration of a bill to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law re-authorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century.

NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION ACT

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards approved for full Committee action, as amended H.R. 4546, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 5082, amended, Public Transportation Terrorism Prevention and Response Act of 2004; H.R. 5105, To authorize the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution to carry out construction and related activities in support of the collaborative Very Energetic Radiation Imaging Telescope Array System (VERITAS) project on Kitt Peak near Tucson, Arizona; H.R. 5121, amended, To further protect the United States aviation system from terrorist attacks; H.R. 5164, National Health Museum Authorization Act; H.R. 5163, Norma Mineta Research and Special Programs Reorganization Act.

The Committee also approved the following: GSA Fiscal Year 2005 Capital Investment and Leasing Program resolutions; and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Survey resolutions.

9/11 RECOMMENDATIONS IMPLEMENTATION ACT

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Ordered reported, as amended, H.R. 10, 9/11 Recommendations Implementation Act.

NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing entitled "The National Incident Management System: Enhancing Response to Terrorist Attacks." Testimony was heard from Gil Jamieson, Acting Director, NIMS Integration Center, Department of Homeland Security; Chief P. Michael Freeman, Fire Department, Los Angeles County, California; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

AMERICAN JOBS CREATION ACT

Conferees met to resolve the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 4520, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove impediments in such Code and make our manufacturing, service, and high-technology businesses and workers more competitive and productive both at home and abroad, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications, to hold oversight hearings to examine the security of Internet Root Servers and the Domain Name System (DNS), 2:30 p.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine issues related to low-level radioactive waste, 10:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Financial Management, the Budget, and International Security, to hold oversight hearings to examine Section 529 College Savings Plans, focusing on fees, disclosure, state tax treatment and broker sales practices, 10:30 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider pending calendar business, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Mary J. Schoelen, of the District of Columbia, and William A. Moorman, of Virginia, each to be a Judge of the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, and Robert Allen Pittman, of Florida, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Human Resources and Administration, 2 p.m., SR-418.

House

Committee on Agriculture, to consider the following bills: H.R. 3242, Specialty Crops Competitiveness Act of 2003; and H.R. 5120, U.S. National Arboretum Appreciation Act of 2004, 1 p.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, Subcommittee on Employer-Employee Relations, hearing on H.R. 4343, Secret Ballot Protection Act of 2004, 10:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials, hearing entitled "Controlling Bioterror: Assessing Our Nation's Drinking Water Security," 12:30 p.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology and the Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, joint hearing entitled "Combating International Terrorist Financing," 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform, Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs, hearing entitled "How Can We Maximize Private Sector Participation in Transportation?—Part II," 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Government Efficiency and Financial Management, oversight hearing entitled "Financial Management at the Department of Health and Human Services," 2 p.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Committee on International Relations, Subcommittee on Africa, to mark up H.R. 5061, Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act, 3:30 p.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, to mark up the following measures: H.R. 4306, To amend section 274A of the Immigration and Nationality Act to improve the process for